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Title: GAMING DEVICE HAVING ODDS OF WINNING WHICH INCREASE AS  
A PLAYER'S WAGER INCREASES  
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In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002, [and the personal interview on , 2002 courteously granted Applicant's representative], please enter this Response in the above-identified patent application:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Progressive slot machines contain jackpots that increase every time a player plays the slot machine. A linked progressive includes two or more slot machines connected to a common jackpot, each of which individually contribute to the jackpot. An individual progressive slot machine has a self-contained jackpot, wherein the jackpot grows with every play. The machines usually take a percentage of the player's bet such as 10%, and add it to the jackpot. The jackpots can reach sizeable amounts, e.g., \$1 million, before a player "hits" or wins the jackpot. Such sizeable jackpots become very attractive to players. Furthermore, as the jackpot grows, so does overall payout percentage of the game.

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